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 of prior application no.: ; filed
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Entitled: **METHODS, SYSTEMS AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCTS FOR SECURITY PROCESSING INBOUND COMMUNICATIONS IN A CLUSTER COMPUTING ENVIRONMENT**

Enclosed are:

1. ☒ Application Transmittal Letter and Fee Transmittal Form (*A duplicate is enclosed for fee processing*)
2. ☒ 49 pages of Specification (including 23 claims)
3. ☒ (11) sheets of Formal Drawings (35 USC 113)
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 - b. ☐ copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d) (*for continuation/divisional*) [Note Box 5 Below]
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 The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (*Appendix*)
7. ☒ Assignment papers (*cover sheet(s) and document(s)*)
8. ☐ Small Entity Statement(s)
9. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449, and references cited
10. ☒ Preliminary Amendment (*Please enter all claim amendments prior to calculating the filing fee.*)
11. ☐ English Translation Document
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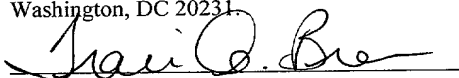
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